

# THE Good Fellowvs Consideration.

## OR The bad Husbands Amendment.

Here in this Ballad you may see,  
What 'tis a bad Husband to be,  
For drunke[n]ness most commonly  
Brings many unto poverty.

To the Tune of, Hey boys up go we, &c.

And when a man is mean and bare,  
Friends will be scarce both far and near,  
Then in your yowb keep money in store,  
Lest in old age you do grow poor.

Lately written by Thomas Lanfierre,  
Of Watcher's town in Sommerset shire.



GOOD Fellows all come lend an ear,  
and listen to my song,  
To you in b[re]f I will declare  
how I have done my self much wrong  
By spending of my money too free,  
it brought me low and pa[ri]s,  
But now a god Husband I will be,  
and keep my money in store.

It is well known the fudling-school  
I have haunted many year;  
I wasted my money like a fool  
both in Wine and strong Beer;  
With my Companions day and night  
I'de both drinck, sing, and roar,  
But now bad company I'll slight,  
and keep my money in store.

In the moring sometimes to an Alehouse  
and tarry there all day. (I'de hpe,  
Perhaps a crowne or an angel I  
at one reckoning would pay:  
My pocket of money I'de empty make,  
ere that I would g[ive] o're,  
But now such actions I'll forsake,  
and keep my money in store.

My hostess she would smile in my face  
when I did merrily call,  
For why, she knew I would not be base,  
but freely pay for all:  
Before the flaggon was quite out  
she'd be ready to all more,  
But now I mean to look about,  
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## The Second Part, to the same Tune.

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Sometimes he in a merry vein  
would sit upon my knee,  
And give me kisses one or twain,  
and all to sweeten me,  
She'd vow I was welcome indeed,  
and it should be evermore,  
But now I mean so to take heed,  
and keep my money in store.

Thus I frequented the Ale banch  
so long as my money would hold;  
Whilst my Wives & Children at home did pinch  
with hunger and with cold;  
So I had my guts full of Ale and Beer,  
I look after nothing more,  
But now I mean to have a care,  
and keep my money in store.

My wife would often me perswade  
and misly to me say,  
God loving husband follow your trade,  
and go not so astray:  
But with foul words I de her abuse,  
and call her bitch and whore,  
But now her counsel I will chuse,  
and keep my money in store.

At last through my lewd wicked vice  
I had consumed all,  
By drunkenness, with Cards and Dice  
my stock it was brought small:  
By keeping of bad company  
I was grown mean and poor,  
But now I'll leave bad husbandry,  
and keep my money in store.

To my hostess one time I did repair,  
and desired one courtesie,  
To trust me so; half a dozen of beer,  
but she did me deny:  
She told me she had made a vow  
to draw no drink on score,  
But I am fully resolv'd now  
to keep my money in store.

Ad. She, the Mault-man his money must habe  
also I must pay exise,  
If I should crack every drunken knabe  
where will my money rife?  
But if you habe chink you may habe drink,  
if you're none turn out of doo,  
But now from the Alehouse I will drink,  
and keep my money in store.

Thus all god fellows you may see  
what 'tis to be in want,  
A man shall not regarded be  
if money is with him scant:  
But if money you have, you have,  
if you're none they will give o're,  
Then be careful your money so to save,  
and lay it up in store.

By experience 'tis plainly seen  
in England far and nigh,  
Those that rich wealthy men has been,  
at last come to poverty  
By spending too much in wine and beer  
there is many doch grow poor,  
Then god fellows have a special care,  
to keep your money in store.

If all bad husbands were of my mind  
in country and in town,  
The Ale-wives a new trade should find,  
to pull these fat-sides down:  
They shou'd work hard; both spin and card,  
we would keep them so poor,  
And we wou'd be careful our money to save,  
and lay it up in store.

Now all you married men that are,  
and Batchelours so gay,  
Of the main chance pray have a care,  
lest you fall in decay:  
Be sure you time do highly prize  
'twll not stay for rich nor poor,  
Good fellows all I you advise  
to keep your money in store.